



Conservative Christians For Cannabis Reform

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Ladies and Gentlemen of the Michigan State Judiciary Committee,

My name is Joe Brown of Rockford, Michigan and I am the founder and one of the owners of Michigan Hemp Company, a Michigan based industrial hemp corporation and Conservative Christians for Cannabis Reform, a political action committee dedicated to a cannabis policy in Michigan that is taxed, regulated and upholds Christian values. Today I am addressing HB 4271, HB 5104 and SB 660 on behalf of our two organizations and all our suppliers including MJNA/Cannabis Science Inc, a global cannabis leader and stock traded company.

HB 4271

We ask you to vote in favor for House Bill 4271, as it will provide safe legal access to thousands of legal Michigan Medical Marijuana patients. The current legal status for safe legal access to medical marijuana is limited, ambiguous, and can be best described as dangerous. This encourages and promotes illegal activity. Many patients are forced to get marijuana from untrained and unregulated caregivers who produce and provide unregulated marijuana that may or may not be safe for consumption. And that's if a patient is lucky enough to even find a participating caregiver. Or worse, patients are obtaining marijuana from street dealers that empower the illegal drug trade and bring in huge profits for drug cartels that destroy our society and plague our legal system.

This Bill will begin to address these issues by allowing cities, towns, townships and municipalities to decide as a community if they would like to approve a Provisioning center in their neighborhood. They would be able establish fees and regulations that their residents and trusted officials could all agree on to allow safe, reliable and legal access to lab verified cannabis products, if that is the will of the people in that community. We believe HB 4271 will be a great start to our journey to taxation and regulation within the overall cannabis industry in Michigan. We ask all conservative Christian and establishment lawmakers alike to vote in favor of HB 4271 as this is the will of the people.

HB 5104

As an owner and the founder of Michigan Hemp Company, that distributes federally legal cannabis concentrates in the State of Michigan, only because of the 2004 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision in Hemp Industries Association vs. DEA, where the court ordered the FDA and DEA to recognize that imported industrial hemp meeting federal guidelines was exempt from the Controlled Substance Act and any subsequent prosecution, let me assure you this bill is needed by patients who seek the health and wellness benefits of medical marijuana who don't want to smoke it as current law mandates. No one should be forced to smoke anything, ever.

Although our company will be remembered in history as filling the gap as best as we could in the time of need for medical cannabis patients seeking smokeless concentrated cannabis products, our products contain almost no traceable amounts of THC, which is desperately needed by some medical marijuana patients. We are frequently asked about these products, but we cannot provide them under current law. Patients are frequently left to obtain these products from illegal criminal organizations that are more interested in profits than the safety of their smokeless products or the well-being of medical marijuana patients.

I was personally harmed by one such organization that claimed to be non-profit, and claimed to give all their marijuana oil away to the sick at no cost. In reality these people provided me with unsafe, unregulated marijuana oil that was made with harmful chemicals. I "donated" over 30 thousand dollars to this criminal organization over a one year period for this alleged "life-saving-oil" as they claim, before I became educated enough to create my own non psychoactive industrial hemp product line. Lucky for me I don't have conditions that make it essential for me to have to use THC. Not everyone is as lucky as I am, and some need THC for their specific health needs that scientists overwhelmingly agree treats some medical conditions. Our industrial hemp products are great, but they don't meet all the needs of all patients.

We don't believe this was the intention of lawmakers when the MMM act was enacted in 2008.

We are confident that our trusted conservative Christian lawmakers would never allow or intend to leave this bill in a state where conservative Christian patients and any non-smoking patients alike would be forced to smoke marijuana in place of healthier, safer delivery systems like ingestion. With smoking marijuana there is no scientific way to determine the exact milligrams for plant material per serving. The measure of plant material is not scientifically possible at this time. Current law forces patients to smoke plant material, a delivery system that makes it impossible to guarantee a precise dosage. This is exactly why we must have legislation allowing for concentrates that can be quantified in a analytical lab that validates the exact milligrams that a patient is receiving while additionally ensuring that patients receive safe, reliable marijuana products. We currently have a system where people have to use

marijuana blindly without any idea of how many milligrams of medicine they are taking. I ask every lawmaker, to consider this:

” How terrified would you be if told by your health care provider to take medication without any idea of the milligrams you will be putting into your body?”

This was a horrible mistake and needs to be corrected immediately. We humbly ask all conservative Christian and establishment lawmakers alike to vote in favor of HB 5104, as this is the will of the people.

SB 660

I want to thank Mr. Kahn for introducing the bill and getting the bill introduced so quickly. We are very proud to see our conservative Christian lawmakers supporting a taxed and regulated cannabis law in Michigan. We are so happy to see our trusted conservatives rally behind a marijuana bill that will mandate testing on all products and deliver a safe product in a reliable trusted facility. This bill has taxation and regulation written all over it, and that’s our ultimate goal.

As I said earlier, we distribute for MJNA and the majority of the world’s hemp manufactured products through Michigan Hemp Company, our global hemp health and wellness Distribution Company. MJNA (as listed on the stock ticker tape) alone was valued last week at 365 million dollars. I mention this because that’s the kind of backing you would need to participate in the Prairie Plant Bill. Our board and our attorneys all agree we can legally participate in this program today if was made law and we were assured by our suppliers they would provide the resources needed to be part of the select few businesses that will be allowed to participate.

Our Board received my report on the SB 660 almost immediately after its introduction and it was well received. We are so proud to see most conservatives go on the record and vote in favor of cannabis legislation that is taxed and regulated. However we do have concerns we would like to address. We ask both sides of the aisle to recognize that we are the only federally legal cannabis company in Michigan who has an EIN, DBA, Michigan sales tax ID, insurance and a legal bank account to date.

Our products are non- psychoactive industrial hemp and it is scientifically impossible to get high or euphoric from our products. We are a Christian owned business and we represent over 40,000 conservative Christians who want taxation and regulation in the cannabis industry because we know it will kill organized crime. Please consider the following:

SB 660 is set up so that only our company and a Canadian company or multimillion dollar corporation will be able to supply medical grade cannabis to a group of participating providers such as a Walgreens or a local pharmacy. I must admit I like the sound of it! It sounds like a Monopoly for us! Or at least the few of us who have the resources to be able to participate. That’s one of the problems.

As a Conservative Christian the members of our organization are not willing to participate in unethical business practices. This is something we all take very serious as Christians. An industry with one or two companies in it sure appears to be a monopoly. The second problem we have is that we have a Canadian Company coming into our State to start a new way of business and we don’t even have

definitive laws established for the existing industry. No way! It doesn't take a lot of hard thinking on this matter to come to the conclusion that SB 660 has a lot of great body to it with core conservative values, but this bill is putting the cart before the horse. We first need to establish legislation that implements some sort of regulation and taxation to control the marijuana industry while providing safe, legal access to patients from existing Michigan businesses.

As Americans, and as Michiganders, our conservative Christian board members all agree that we must support Michigan businesses first and foremost, over foreign companies. We all agree there must be definitive cannabis legislation that allows and promotes safe legal access for the seriously ill.

We all agree that our conservative lawmakers are on the right track with taxation and regulation in this bill. But our entire board agrees that SB 660 is a bill that allows and promotes a monopoly for a company from a foreign country and a small group of us fortunate enough to pay to play. This bill kills current and future Michigan jobs while simultaneously out sourcing American jobs to Canada.

This is establishment thinking and it's exactly what is dividing our Grand Old Party. Although SB 660 sounds pretty good for a select few, it locks Michigan businesses out of a growing industry. We can understand some law makers not wanting to encourage or support any kind of cannabis legislation based on personal beliefs but this bill actually contradicts that view point because it promotes a foreign cannabis business while killing existing Michigan cannabis businesses.

We humbly ask all conservative Christian and establishment lawmakers alike to vote NO on SB 660 and not to support this bill as it currently stands. However we do encourage all lawmakers to vote YES on HB 4271 as a start to regulating and taxing the industry that ensures safe reliable access through provision centers. We also ask you to fix the current legislation and correct the MMM act by voting YES on HB 5104.

We thank you for your time and consideration to our conservative Christian point of view on these matters and we pray we can help to shape Michigan cannabis legislation that embodies conservative Christian values.

Thank you,

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We humbly ask all Conservative Christians Law Makers and Establishment alike to vote NO on SB 660 and not support this Bill as it stands today. However we do encourage you to vote yes on HB 4271 as a start to regulating and taxing the industry. WE also ask you to fix the current law and correct the MMM act by voting yes on HB 5104.